

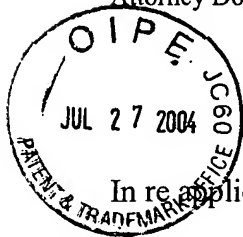
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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the

three (3) cited U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. However, copies of the five (5) foreign patent documents are included. An English language abstract is provided with the cited foreign patent document DE 41 20 267 from which the relevance of this document can be ascertained. A copy of the International Search Report is also included herewith.

Foreign patent document EP 1 136 087 cited on the International Search Report has a U.S. equivalent, which is document number 2001/0033233 and cited accordingly on the attached PTO-1449 form.

Foreign patent document DE 101 17 726, which is absent an English language abstract, discloses an adapter for a blood taking system provided, on its internal wall, with a muff having an axial guidance. To allow the fixation of a plurality of blood taking system, an insert in the form of a tube opened on both sides is inserted in the muff coaxial to the internal wall of the muff. The tube is provided, on its internal wall, with an axial guidance for the insertion of a blood taking tube.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

This information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing of the first office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fee is due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further authorize the Commissioner to debit any fee which is due to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. 069208.0118.

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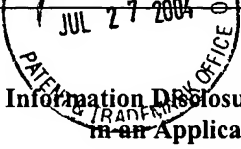
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